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James T. Paul

Education Stanford University J.D.

Rutgers University M.A., Politics, Eagleton Fellow

Occidental College A.B., Diplomacy and World Affairs

Professional and Other Activities

Adjunct professor, University of Hawaii School of Law, teaching pre-trial, trial and litigation related courses from 1987-1997.

Member of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Permanent Committee on Civil Rules since 1986, and the Hawaii U.S. District Court's Rules Committee since 2000.

Member of the Board of Advisors, Hawaii Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution since 1989. President of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, Hawaii Chapter, 1993 and 1994; and member of the Board of Advisors of the American Arbitration Association, Hawaii Region, from 1990 to 2000.

Faculty member at various training seminars relating to litigation, trial and alternative dispute resolution sponsored by the Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education; National Institute of Trial Advocacy; Hawaii Judiciary's

Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Hawaii State Bar Association; American Arbitration Association; Dispute Prevention and Resolution, Inc.; Professional Education Systems, Inc.; and other organizations, from the late 1970's to the present.

Chair of the Hawaii Supreme Court Judicial Administration Committee from 1986 to 1988; member of the Hawaii State Judicial Conference in 1985 and 1986, and the Hawaii Federal Judicial Conference from 1989 to 1991: director of the Hawaii State Bar Association and chair of its Judicial Administration Committee in 1985 and 1986; chair of the Design Professional Conciliation Panel for the State of Hawaii from 1981 to 1983; and faculty member of the Joint Judiciary/Hawaii Bar Association institutionalized ethics program, 2001--.

Chair of the Board of Hawaii Public Radio from 1988 to 1990, and chair or member of the boards of various other community organizations since the 1980's.

Publications

Hawaii Arbitration Law, Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1992, Co-author with James K. Hoenig, Ph.D. and Keith Hunter.

Hawaii Arbitration Law Periodical, HALP Press, 1994, Co-editor with James K. Hoenig, Ph.D. and Keith Hunter.

Hawaii Construction Law and Mechanics' Liens, Professional Education Systems, Inc. 5th Ed., 1995, Co-author and editor with Gerald S. Clay, Esq. and William A. Stricklin, Esq.

Appellate Cases: In re Water Use Permit Applications, 94 Hawaii 97, 9 P.3d 409 (2000); Lee v. Heftel, 81 Hawaii 1, 911 P.2d 721 (1996); Otaka v. Klein, 71 Hawaii 376, 791 P.2d 713 (1990); Abramson v. Univ. of Hawaii, 594 F.2d 202 (9th Cir. 1979)

Admitted to Practice Law Hawaii, California and the Federal Courts.

Professional Experience and Areas of Legal Emphasis

Jim Paul's legal practice has focused on commercial litigation, counseling and dispute resolution. He has litigated in the federal and state courts in Hawaii matters involving real estate, construction, investments and financing, and other business disputes.

Complex Litigation

He has represented clients in some of the largest and most complex commercial cases litigated in Hawaii; for example, litigation between the buyer and seller of a hotel/resort for what was the largest purchase price in the history of the state; and litigation between a large hotel and resort owner and a lender involving claims exceeding \$850,000,000; and litigation between Japan's leading bank and a large Japanese corporation concerning claims exceeding \$100,000,000.

International Clients

He has represented not only several of the largest businesses in Hawaii, but also some of the largest business concerns in Japan in litigation in Hawaii.

Arbitration and Mediation

He has represented clients in many arbitrations, and is often asked to serve as an arbitrator or mediator in commercial disputes. He is recognized as a student and author in these matters as well, and often has been a lecturer and seminar faculty member on related topics.

Before law school he was a foreign service reserve officer in the U.S. Department of State, working in Washington, D.C., and for more than two years in Korea with the U.S. foreign aid program.